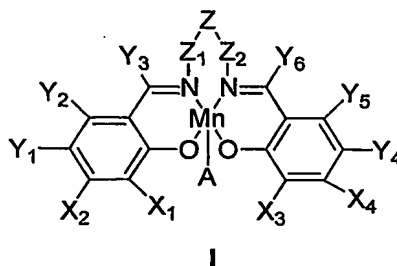


**We Claim:**

1. A method for treating AMD, DR, and/or retinal edema in a patient which comprises administering to the patient in need of such treatment a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of formula I:



wherein:

A is a pharmaceutically acceptable anion;

$X_{1-4}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of H, halo, aryl, aralkyl, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryloxy, free or functionally modified hydroxy, and free or functionally modified amino;

$Y_{1-6}$  are independently selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, free or functionally modified hydroxy, and free or functionally modified amino; and

Z,  $Z_1$ , and  $Z_2$  together can form a cyclohexane, pyridine, or phenyl ring; or

Z is a direct bond (*i.e.*,  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are bonded to each other), and  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are each a  $CH_2$  group, independently and optionally substituted with aryl, heteroaryl, alkyl, alkoxy, aralkyl, acyl, alkoxycarbonyl, or acyloxy.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein for the compound of formula I:

A is chloride, bromide, or acetate;

$X_{1-4}$  are independently H, fluoro, bromo, chloro, alkyl, or a free or functionally modified hydroxy or amino group;

$Y_{1-4}$  are independently H, alkyl, or a free or functionally modified hydroxy; and

$Z$ ,  $Z_1$ , and  $Z_2$  together form a cyclohexane, pyridine, or phenyl ring, or

$Z$  is a direct bond, and  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are each a  $\text{CH}_2$  group, either unsubstituted or substituted with phenyl, benzyloxy, or an acyloxy group.

3. The method of claim 3, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:

